Defects in Sahar International Airport, Bombay

56. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in phase one of Sahar International Airport, Bombay, there are defects in apron and taxi tracks;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) what steps are being taken to remove these defects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) Some deficiencies were noticed in the apron and taxi track of the New International Terminal (Phase I) at Bombay Airport.

(b) The defects in the asphaltic construction of taxi track were largely due to high paraffin content in the bitumen. The cracks in the concrete apron are due to repetitive usage of the pavements and fuel spillage.

(c) The deficiencies in the taxi track have since been rectified. Four of the parking bays in the apron have been repaired and the rectification work on the remaining is also being taken up. Strict quality control measures have been enforced to check recurrence of deficiencies.

Revamping the monitoring of adult education programme

57. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the monitoring of the adult education programme is proposed to be revamped and an action plan has been formulated for this purpose;

(b) if so, whether two day Conference was also held recently in this regard; and

(c) what were the decisions arrived at and the main proposals framed for revamping the Adult Education?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. A Computerised Management System has been envisaged in the National Literacy Mission to ensure reliable and steady flow of information for improvement in management at all levels. This aspect was considered in the two day Conference of State Education Secretaries and Directors of Education held in June, 1988. Accordingly, a Computerised Management Information System (MIS) has been planned. Management Information System Formats have been developed with the help of National Institute of Information Technology, New Delhi and presently they are in the field for testing. With the adoption of MIS for adult education programme, scientific and reliable feedback will be available to strengthen the Monitoring System.

Equity participation of foreign hoteliers in Indian hotel establishments

58. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the recent decision of Government to allow 51 per cent equity participation to foreign hoteliers in Indian hotel establishments are likely to give a big boost to the tourism industry in the country;

(b) whether there have been a number of queries from foreign hoteliers in this regard; and

(c) if so, what are the other decisions taken by Government to give a boost to the tourism and what steps have been taken by the State Governments in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) The recent decision of Government to allow 51 per cent foreign equity participation in the hotel and convention industry in India is to mobilise additional investment which is likely to give a boost to the tourism industry in the country.